

L&S APC Brief Notes – approved 2/7/2017

January 17, 2017, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m., 101 South Hall (Dean’s Conference Room)

Chair: Eric Wilcots (for Dean Scholz)

Members present: Heather Allen, Daniel Kapust, Shirin Malekpour, Louise Mares, Marisa Otegui, Daniel Quint, Laura McClure, Clark Landis, Charles Fry

L&S Observers present: Greg Downey, Elaine Klein, James Montgomery, Susan Ellis Weismer, Sue Zaeske, Nancy Westphal-Johnson, Kimbrin Cornelius, Cal Bergman, Devon Wilson

1. Announcements and Informational Items. No items.

2. Action Items: a. Asian Languages and Cultures request for revisions to graduate programs in Languages and Cultures of Asia (Major Code 596). Specific Actions: i. Discontinue Named Doctoral Program Options: 1. Civilizations and Cultures 2. Languages and Literatures 3. Religious Studies ii. Reopen Admission (MA-Languages and Cultures of Asia, Doctor of Philosophy, doctoral minor) iii. Rename program from “Languages and Cultures of Asia” to “Asian Languages and Cultures”

Guests: Professors Rania Huntington and Junko Mori. SZ led discussion. SZ commended the department for the impressive and energizing work around department restructuring. There are three distinct requests related to the graduate programs: close the named options in the doctoral program, reopen admissions, and rename the programs to align with the new department name, Asian Languages and Cultures. Administrative and governance restructuring occurred last year, and now the department is focusing on curriculum. This, along with the recently submitted requests to restructure the undergraduate major and restructure the subject listings, will align the curriculum with the newly restructured department. The changes will be implemented as ‘turn-key’ rather than ‘teach out’ because of administrative issues, and they will be communicated to students as soon as the changes have been approved. In response to members’ questions about discontinuing the named options, RH noted that graduate students are able to effectively communicate their specialties to potential employers without having a specific named option on their transcript. Regarding student recruitment, JM noted how the department communicate its profile to future students via the website will be important. Areas of study and faculty can still be showcased, and the department anticipates this will achieve the same benefits as offering formal Named Options. Members unanimously approved the motions to discontinue the named options in the doctoral program, reopen admissions, and rename the program.

Meeting adjourned at 1:14

Notes submitted by Kimbrin Cornelius, L&S Admin